

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE

JULY 12, 2018

CURRENT STATUS: **FINAL**

VERSION LAST UPDATED:

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UPDATED VERSION ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION 14 DAYS FROM DISTRIBUTION:

AUGUST 15, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Nick Sarwark called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m. (all times Eastern Daylight Time).

ATTENDANCE

Attending the meeting were:

Executive Committee Members Present: Nick Sarwark (Chair), Alex Merced (Vice-Chair), Caryn Ann Harlos (Secretary), Sam Goldstein (At-Large Representative), Jim Lark (Region 5 Representative), Bill Redpath (At-Large Representative)

Other LNC participants were: Alicia Mattson (At-Large Representative), Elizabeth Van Horn (Region 3 Representative), Whitney Bilyeu (Region 7 Representative), Susan Hogarth (Region 5 Alternate)

Not Attending: Tim Hagan (Treasurer)

Staff participants were: Executive Director Wes Benedict.

Other participants were: Dan Reale (LPCT Chair), Roger Misbach (LPCT Vice-Chair), Christopher Thrasher (CT)

The gallery contained multiple other attendees as noted in the Attendance Roster attached hereto as Appendix A.

PURPOSE

The meeting was called to discuss time-sensitive Connecticut ballot access issues.

CONNECTICUT PETITION DRIVE

There was a period of question and answer with the Executive Committee and representatives from the Libertarian Party of Connecticut including Chris Thrasher and Dan Reale. Mr. Thrasher forwarded a summary report which is attached hereto as Appendix B. Items discussed included:

- Amount of raw signatures gathered
- Validity rate of signatures
- Amount of pledges of money or signatures
- Physical observations of items on petitions (handwriting, date of birth, certifications)
- Fundraising by the LPCT

Mr. Redpath moved to encumber \$10,000 of LNC funds for the statewide candidate petition drive in Connecticut.

Mr. Goldstein moved to amend so that the motion would read: Move to encumber \$10,000 of LNC funds for the subject statewide candidate petition drive in Connecticut with the proviso that said funds be released in \$2,000 increments after verification that the Libertarian Party of Connecticut has an equal amount of funds available for use in their treasury.

After debate, this amendment proceeded to a vote as follows:

- Voting aye: Goldstein, Harlos, Lark, Merced, Redpath
- Voting nay: None
- Abstaining: Sarwark

The amendment was adopted with a 5-0-1 vote total so that the motion then read: ***Move to encumber \$10,000 of LNC funds for the subject statewide candidate petition drive in Connecticut with the proviso that said funds be released in \$2,000 increments after verification that the Libertarian Party of Connecticut has an equal amount of funds available for use in their treasury.*** [180712-7]

This motion then proceeded to a vote as follows:

- Voting aye: Goldstein, Harlos, Lark, Merced, Redpath
- Voting nay: none
- Abstaining: Sarwark

The motion as amended was adopted with a 5-0-1 vote total.

MISC. TOPICS

ROBINSON LAWSUIT

Mr. Goldstein inquired about the status of counsel's review of the Robinson ballot access lawsuit. Mr. Sarwark will find out from Oliver Hall and report back to the LNC or the Executive Committee, as appropriate.

OHIO UPDATE

The Libertarian Party of Ohio has been certified by the Ohio Secretary of State as a minor party, and the Republican Party has until Monday to file a challenge.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection at 9:31 p.m.

APPENDIX A
GALLERY ATTENDANCE ROSTER

NAME	STATE
Chris Cardella	CT
Paul Frankel	AL
Rodney Hascomb	WA
Dan Home	IN
Andy Jacobs	NV
Brian Shields	NH
Chip Spangler	NH

2018 Connecticut Ballot Access Drive

Prepared for the LNC Executive Committee

Prepared by Christopher Thrasher, Ballot Access Marketing, LLC
in conjunction with the Libertarian Party of Connecticut

● Connecticut has Presidential Ballot Access for 2020

-Ballot Access was retained by the Johnson/Weld vote totals.

-No Additional Money Will be Needed from the LNC in 2020

● **7,500** Valid Signatures are Needed By August 8th to Place a Full Slate of Statewide Candidates on the Ballot.

-Governor:	Rod Hanscomb
-Lieutenant Governor:	Jeffrey Thibeault
-Treasurer:	Jesse Brohinsky
-Comptroller:	Paul Passerelli
-Secretary of State:	Heather Gwynn

● Any candidate that receives 1% of vote totals in this race WILL NOT have to petition again to get on the ballot.

What this means: A successful drive = Likely Possibility of LP CT Ballot Access for 2+ Election Cycles.

Current Drive Status

	Total Collected	Valid Sigs (Based on Validity Rate of 78%)
Petitions Signatures In Hand and Electronically Scanned	2568	2003
Petitions In Hand (Rod Hanscomb)	705	550
Additional Petitions In Hand	560	437
Total Accounted for Petitions In Hand	3833	2990

LP CT has been collecting signatures since March. LNC was previously contacted, but no action has been taken up until this time.

The LP CT volunteer signature expected validity rate is 78%

This was based on a sample of 236 Total Signatures on 50 Sheets.

50 Signatures were randomly checked, and 39 were valid.

There are additional unaccounted for signatures currently collected. Turn-in is Sunday.

Volunteer Signatures

<u>Pledged Signatures</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Valid Signatures</u> (Based on Validity Rate of 78%)
Bill Redpath	250	195
Dan Reale	250	195
Rod Hansomb	500	390
Jeffery Thibault	250	195
Total Pledged Volunteer Signatures	1250	975
Collected Signatures	3833	2990
Pledged Signatures	1250	975
Total	5083	3965

In addition to volunteer signature collection, the LPCT will continue to do volunteer validity checks with the "Machine of Knowledge" program.

Paid Signatures

Paid Signatures Needed	Total	Valid Sigs (Based on Validity Rate of 66%)	Total Cost @ \$4 Per Signature
Minimum	5,160	3,406	\$20,640.00
Comfort Level	5,500	3,630	\$22,000.00
Maximum	6,000	3,960	\$24,000.00

Paid signature gatherers will be managed by Christopher Trasher and Ballot Access Marketing.

All petitioners will adhere to a strict code of conduct and abide by all Connecticut laws applicable.

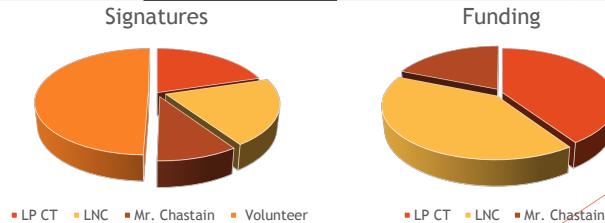
Preference will be given to Libertarian petitioners.

*In the past, it has been noted that the LPCT had trouble with petitioners contacting the party directly with grievances (see 2016 Ballot Access Committee Report). Trasher and BAM will ensure this is not the case for this drive.

For some petitioners, hotels and other expenses will be provided. This is reflected in the total signature cost, and **WILL NOT result in additional drive expenses.**

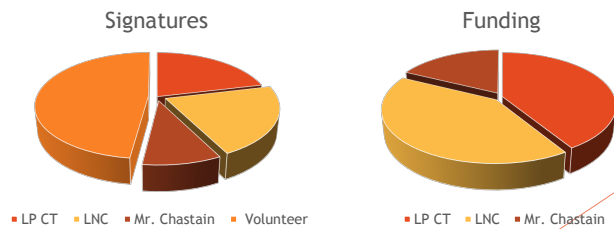
Drive Funding: Minimum Paid Signatures

Minimum Drive Costs 5,160 Signatures	
Paid Signatures	\$20,640.00
Administrative Costs (not to exceed \$0.11/ Per Sig)	\$567.60
Total Cost	\$21,207.60
<u>Contribution from Mr. Chastain</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
<u>LP CT Outside Fundraising</u>	<u>\$8,603.80</u>
<u>LNC Contribution</u>	<u>\$8,603.80</u>



Drive Funding: Comfort Level Signatures

Comfort Level Drive Costs 5,500 Signatures	
Paid Signatures	\$22,000.00
Administrative Costs (not to exceed \$0.11/ Per Sig)	\$605.00
Total Cost	\$22,605.00
<u>Contribution from Mr. Chastain</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
<u>LP CT Outside Fundraising</u>	<u>\$9,302.50</u>
<u>LNC Contribution</u>	<u>\$9,302.50</u>



Drive Funding: Maximum Signatures

Maximum Drive Costs 6,000 Signatures	
Paid Signatures	\$24,000.00
Administrative Costs (not to exceed \$0.11/ Per Sig)	\$660.00
Total Cost	\$24,660.00
<u>Contribution from Mr. Chastain</u>	<u>\$4,000.00</u>
<u>LP CT Outside Fundraising</u>	<u>\$10,330.00</u>
<u>LNC Contribution</u>	<u>\$10,330.00</u>

